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PARIS STATE. The most recent event of the past week in this place was the masquerade ball at Academy Hall on Friday evening. The costumes were pronounced handsome and represented almost everything animate and inanimate. Indians and negroes freely mixed with the dancers and seemed on an equal footing with the most popular woman in Oxford County with her "300" votes.

Three flocks of wild geese have been reported as seen flying over this village. Geese do not enjoy an enviable reputation for sensibility excepting in matters of weather prognostications; perhaps this year, if any trust can be put on the government hydrographic office which predicts the February weather as stormy and cold, these poor geese may lose their one point of excellence and trust.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton was unable to fill his preaching appointment Sunday. This place on account of attending a conference, but will occupy the pulpit next Sunday at the usual hour.

A petition has been forwarded to the Hill Academy on the same grounds that endorsements are being asked for by other institutions.

NORWAY LARK. Our old lady disabilities have assumed the offensive this winter which has forced us to take the defensive, but we have promises of reinforcements as storm and cold have not yet been our only afflictions.

There was no sale of any of the Well property last week.

F. H. Whitman showed us a block of his black granite. It is a beautiful piece and is most valuable as a silver mine. We understand a strong party will operate in this season.

We regret very much that we could not be at the G. A. R. in the early spring, but our thoughts went out to the "boys" all the same and we hope the whole affair was an enjoyable success.

M. J. Rowe died on Saturday and the funeral occurred on Tuesday. Mr. Rowe and his son George arrived home from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Saturday.

Alfred Cook gave us a good slave on Sunday. "Slavery" is master of the town or all.

Mrs. J. A. Roberts is among the number.

ELFINGTON. E. L. Brown has gone to Augusta. A. F. Brown has been down from town and has gone to the city.

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EARLY SUMMER. S. C. Heald talks of putting on a second crop and run two sets of saws in order to fill his order for lumber.

Wm. Foy is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

NORTH PARIS. Most of the farmers have secured their crops. Those who got a first hand earlier time and it was a good thing. Arthur Alley is moving into N. J. Chisholm's house, the rent just vacated by John Corbett.

Considerable lumber has been hauled past here to West Paris. Among the loads are those of John Chase and Cyrus Thurlow.

Eugene Andrews has two nice upholstered, low seat high back sleighs which he wishes to dispose of.

Rollin Hammond's son is sick with the measles. He is now in bed.

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Carrie Rice, Ida Abbott, Alonzo Richmond and Alton Evers, part of our High School scholars, have gone to pursue their studies.

MASON. Nellie Bean is quite sick with heart trouble.

Dr. Bennett is in town for Mrs. S. Grover. Mrs. Grover is improving.

Dana and Arthur Merrill have caught three or four deer in a yard on the side of the mountain where they are drawing their water. They are doing well.

A. G. Lovjoy and his boy "Chick" caught an old setter, a buck and two geese. Others are intending to capture a small flock.

Wm. (Jenney) who lives on the Ernest farm near the old mill, has a cup full of maple honey the 24th of January.

Joseph Tyler and help have found considerable work to shovel a half mile of road. Strange folks want to get their work in the first of the winter when it does not cost half to get it that it does now.

We are sorry to learn that J. J. Smith, who was a member of the High School, is sick with the measles. He is now in bed.

A. G. Lovjoy is sawing birch to West Bethel.

G. H. B. is putting in quite a lot of hay. He is also cutting seed.

Large lots of spruce and poplar are being drawn from Mason and Albany to West Bethel, as the yard is blocked full at West Bethel, as they can't take any at the mill, because they are full.

EAST BETHEL. A private school is now in session under the instruction of J. S. Hutchins.

In the Democratic contest E. B. Bartlett was voted for by 127 votes. This place and received the seven votes.

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FARM AND GARDEN. (Written for the Advertiser.) A Man from Bulgaria.

Mr. Stoyan K. Vratalsky, who was mentioned in our last as having lectured in Academy Hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 29th, gave an interesting lecture on the life of the Bulgarians.

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